

Shaykh Sulaymān al-'Alwān(حفظه الله) was asked about the hadīth "O Allāh bless us in Rajab and Sha'bān & allow us to reach Ramadān" & what he thinks of it.

So the Shaykh responded by saying: This hadīth is narrated by Imām Ahmad(رحمه الله) in his Musnad [1/259] and al-Bazzār [616 - Kashf al-Astār] from the chain of Zā'idah ibn Abī al-Ruqād from Ziyād al-Numayrī from Anas ibn Mālīk who said "Whenever Rajab came, the Prophet(صلى الله عليه وسلم) would say Allāhumā Bārik lanā fī Rajab wa Sha'bān wa balighnā Ramadān"

And in its chain is Zā'idah ibn Abī al-Ruqād who's hadīth isn't authentic, al-Imām al-Bukhārī(رحمه الله) said about him "His hadīth is Munkar[Denounced]"

And al-Imām al-Nasā'ī(رحمه الله) in Kitāb al-Du'afā' said "His hadīth is Munkar[Denounced]"

Abū Dāwūd(رحمه الله) said "I do not know of his reports"

Ibn Hibān(رحمه الله) said "He narrates Munkar reports from the well known, he's not to be used as proof, nor to be written from, except for analysis"

Al-Hāfidh ibn Rajab(رحمه الله) in Latā'if al-Ma'ārif [234] mentioned this hadīth and said that it's weak.

And refer to Tabyīn al-'Ajab regarding what has been narrated from the virtues of Rajab [page 18] by al-Hāfidh ibn Hajr al-'Asqalānī(رحمه الله), he has indicated towards its weakness because of the Taffarrūd of Zā'idah. [Taffarrūd meaning he was alone in reporting it]

And there's nothing authentic to specify Rajab in performing worship, neither du'ā [supplications], nor Siyām [fasting], nor Sadaqāh [Charity], nor 'Umrāh upon the correct [view], Verily the 'Umrāh's of the Prophet(صلى الله عليه وسلم) were only performed in Dhil Qa'dah [as we know] from the hadīth of Anas in the Sahīhayn [Bukhārī & Muslim].

And a group of people have claimed that the Prophet(صلى الله عليه وسلم) was born in the first night of Rajab, and this isn't to be taken into consideration.

And another group have said that the Isrā' [Night journey] of the Prophet(صلى الله عليه وسلم) was on the 27th of the month of Rajab.

However, there's nothing authentic from all that and Allāh(جل وعلا) knows best.